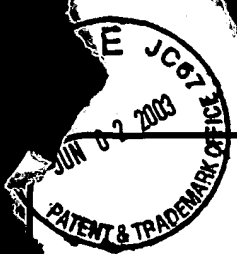


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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/833,071
Filing Date	April 11, 2001
First Named Inventor	Stephen John FIELD
Group Are Unit	1463
Examiner Name	Stephen K. Cronin
Attorney Docket Number	7257-101

This is a Request for continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective May 29, 2000. If the above-identified was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patented term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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a. ☐ Previously submitted

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Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)

iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv. ☒ Other PTO 1449 and references.

2. ☐ Miscellaneous

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. ☐ Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0337

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) (at the Small Entity rate)

ii. ☒ 3-month Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) (at the Small Entity rate); if any extension of time is required, please consider this a request therefore.

iii. ☐ Other: Any fee under \$1.15 or

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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